

RED CROSS sales place wind in the ships that sail across the seas.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1918—TEN PAGES

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS
Fair and warmer tonight, Friday,
probably Saturday.

THREE CENTS

BOCHE ACT WITNESS WARNS OF NEW PICARDY DRIVE

Hindenburg Feeling for Weak Spot on Somme.

Artillery Being Massed Back of Flanders Line, Too.

ALLIED ARMY IS CONFIDENT

Bohemians and Slav Units Now To Fight for Allies.

General Allenby Delivers Successful Blow in Palestine.

The Germans are displaying increased activity on the Somme battle front and around the Mont Didier salient to Noyon, probably in preparation for a renewal of their offensive in this area.

Checked last week by the stiff British and Franco-American resistance to their attempt to push further toward Amiens, the enemy forces are now engaged in trying out various portions of the southern front, in the apparent endeavor to find a weak spot. One such effort, directed against positions held by American troops, has already been chronicled in the news dispatches. The enemy found an unyielding barrier here and retired, but nothing but heavy losses to show for his attempt.

Last night there was a similar thrust at the Crozatier in the Thénier region southwest of Hangard. The artillery promptly broke up this drive.

Bombard on South Front.
This morning the German guns opened up heavily in the Villers-Bretonneux area just north and directly west of Amiens, but no line country attack was developed up to the time the British official statement was issued at noon.

Meanwhile the battle that followed the severe German defeat on Monday has continued on the Flanders front. Only the artillery has been displaying activity there.

The German guns were reported opening up a somewhat spirited fire this morning in the region of Meris, indicating the battle that the renewal of the German effort on the northern front, when it comes, may be developed along the line Meris-Hazebrouck, which is the farthest westward advance of the enemy. The British have been holding this line strongly, its guarding the direct route to the vitally important Hazebrouck railway junction.

BOUGHT HIS WIFE

"Slacker Marriage" Scoundrel Nabbed by Court.

Having Paid for Marriage, Why Not Divorce, Too?

New York, May 2.—Judicial recognition of the "slacker marriage" as a sequel to the "slacker divorce" in the supreme court in Brooklyn yesterday. The evidence in a case before him indicated that a young man, who had paid a woman to marry him and then gave her an addition sum to give him a divorce, was being brought up for reinforcements and supplies, but the Anglo-French troops, stirred by the brilliant repulse of the enemy which

(Continued on Page Two.)

A REAL DAY IN MAY

Not Even a Cloud on the Sky and Warmer Weather Promised.

Today's Temperatures.
7 o'clock 48.11 o'clock 66
8 o'clock 50.12 o'clock 71
9 o'clock 54 1 o'clock 72
10 o'clock 53 2 o'clock 75

Temperatures for the day were two degrees above normal for the date. The wind was blowing 20 m.p.h. an hour from the southeast at 2 o'clock. It seems that the great god that rules over the destinies of men and little children has granted the country a respite from the dreary repetition of murky, rain drenched days. For the Junior Red Cross auction sale today, the sun came out and smiled serenely in a sky unclouded by even the semblance of a threatening cloud. Meteorologist Flora said this morning that he was sure the ideal weather conditions would insure a record.

(Continued on Page Two.)

CAMPS ARE HEALTHIER

Deaths of Soldiers Are Gradually Decreasing Now.

Washington, May 2.—Death and sick rates at the different army camps in the country are declining, Surgeon General Gorgas announced today. Deaths last week were 251 as compared with 278 of the preceding week. Of these, six were new admissions. Three from other accidents in the aviation section.

Camps Beauregard and Logan report the highest sick rate, and Camp Wheeler has a slight epidemic of pneumonia, the surgeon general reports. Otherwise, continues the report, pneumonia cases are declining in number.

COLONEL TO SPEAK

Roosevelt in Boston to Talk on Americanism and Preparedness.

Boston, May 2.—Theodore Roosevelt came here today to address a mass meeting under the auspices of the Boston chamber of commerce and the William Brewster association at Mechanics building tonight. It was announced that his subject would be "Americanism and Preparedness."

WIFE IN HOSPITAL - TOPEKA LAUNDY MALE DISAPPEARS

Edward W. Snook Was Last Seen Sunday Night.

Absolutely No Clue as to Where He Has Gone.

APPEARED IN GOOD SPIRITS

No Trouble of Any Kind; Nothing in Flat Disturbed.

He Was Married Ten Months Ago; Made Good Salary.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Edward W. Snook, \$10 a week laundryman, of the City Hand Laundry for five years and a bridegroom of ten months duration. Efforts for the sheriff's force to find a clue to his whereabouts failed.

Snook, apparently in good humor, stood in the hallway of the flat at 818 Quincy street Sunday night talking with the landlady. His wife was in a local hospital at the time and he appeared to be greatly pleased that she would be able to return in a few days. He had his overcoat under his arm. After a short conversation he disappeared from the door. That was the last seen of him by his friends and relatives.

ROOMS UNDISTURBED.

Nothing was disturbed in their apartment when Mrs. Snook returned home from the hospital. There was no note of explanation, not a thing that would indicate that he had left the home hurriedly, or had planned the trip and packed his personal belongings. His hair brushes, shirts and collars were undisturbed.

His young wife is frantic, as are his relatives. Absolutely no domestic difficulties have come up in the Snook home, his wife stated today. She says she knows of nothing that would cause him to leave home. Neither is there a thing known in his past life that would lead to a theory of foul play.

Sheriff Works on Case.
Dr. Harry Lyman, proprietor of the laundry, spent the day assisting Under Sheriff Bob Miller in an investigation. Snook commanded a salary of \$30 a week and always had been a steady, honest employee, according to Doctor Lyman.

"We would trust him with anything we had," said Doctor Lyman.

Snook lived on his wife at the hospital Sunday night. He promised to return Monday afternoon.

BOUGHT HIS WIFE

"Slacker Marriage" Scoundrel Nabbed by Court.

Having Paid for Marriage, Why Not Divorce, Too?

New York, May 2.—Judicial recognition of the "slacker divorce" as a sequel to the "slacker marriage" in the supreme court in Brooklyn yesterday. The evidence in a case before him indicated that a young man, who had paid a woman to marry him and then gave her an addition sum to give him a divorce, was being brought up for reinforcements and supplies, but the Anglo-French troops, stirred by the brilliant repulse of the enemy which

(Continued on Page Two.)

FROM COUNTY

Topeka and Shawnee Quota in Next Draft Call.

Total of 250 Men To Be Furnished by Kansas.

Topeka and Shawnee county will furnish eleven men for the special army training service at the State Agricultural college, beginning May 16. A total of 250 men will be sent to the college from the two counties, four men from each of the local districts, while the county outside Topeka will send nine men.

The course will consist of special training in mechanical services and men with knowledge of automobile repairing, radio operation, electricity and other mechanical duties incident to the many kinds of military service both at the front and behind the lines will be accepted. Special inducements may be made by local board. Only men who are grammar school graduates and possess some mechanical training will be accepted. The men will be trained at government expense and as soon as the course is completed will be subject to call for overseas service.

Qualified registrants are urged in a bulletin to Charles S. Huffman, adjutant general, to send them to the volunteer service. Thus men not in the current call may enter the training at the State Agricultural college. All men called for this service will report at Manhattan May 16.

TO GIVE ADDRESSES
American Casualty Lists Will Soon Be Issued as Formerly.

Washington, May 2.—The war department will resume almost immediately the practice of giving addresses of American soldiers named in the casualty lists sent from France.

The decision was made by President Wilson, to whom the public appealed when the addresses were ordered discontinued. The president took up the subject with Secretary Baker immediately after the secretary returned from France.

TO ROOT UP THE SLACKERS--NEW CALLS DEMAND IT

Get the "Skilled Farmers" and "Indispensable Clerks."

Government Departments in Washington Full of Them.

BIG NEW DRAFT CALL SAT.?

Will Probably Call 300,000 Men During May.

And Still More in June—"Sky Is the Limit."

Washington, May 2.—A nation-wide roundup of draft registrants escaping military service thru unfair classification has been ordered by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The number of men who have suddenly become "skilled farmers" and "indispensable government workers" has drawn the searching eye of the war department to the situation.

Every unfair case found will be immediately reclassified and if the registrant has escaped military service he will be sent to camp, General Crowder said.

A large majority of the "experts" of draft age in government work could easily be replaced by men outside the draft age and by women, General Crowder believes, despite the fact that cabinet officers have asked exemption for many.

ANNOUNCE DRAFT SATURDAY?

It is expected that the new quota of drafted men will be announced Saturday. It is double the size of the April quota. The contribution for June, it is indicated, will be still higher.

Indicating the extent to which members of congress have been infused with the idea that a tremendous new army is needed was the action of chairman Dent of the house committee in introducing a bill fixing the total draft age under the present act at 4,000,000 men. At the same time, he announced he would not oppose a larger limit, if supplementary legislation is proposed. Dent has generally been known as "a small army man."

"The sky is the limit with us," said an officer of the provost marshal general's office. "We are ready to furnish the men that are called for. Our limitations are going to be known to the war department and to congress. Up to that limit, calls can't come too fast for us."

WANT ALL SHIPS.

"You must co-operate with the government to the end that we are supplied with the maximum shipping capacity," said Secretary of War Baker today. "Secretary of the navy is expected to show owners and ship builders, discussing the needs of the war department for transportation."

The information obtained concerning the plans for the May quota to be drafted was illuminating. Within two days it was expected that high authority, Provost Marshal General Crowder will have in hand complete lists of the number of draftsmen available in class one. Every local exemption board in the country has received telegraphic instructions to make immediate reports on these. These reports are expected to show a total number in this class of at least 1,500,000 and perhaps 2,000,000.

General Crowder is going to shake the bushes for fighting men, if such action proves necessary. The purging process will begin at home. The

(Continued on Page Two.)

11 FROM COUNTY

Topeka and Shawnee Quota in Next Draft Call.

Total of 250 Men To Be Furnished by Kansas.

Topeka and Shawnee county will furnish eleven men for the special army training service at the State Agricultural college, beginning May 16. A total of 250 men will be sent to the college from the two counties, four men from each of the local districts, while the county outside Topeka will send nine men.

The course will consist of special training in mechanical services and men with knowledge of automobile repairing, radio operation, electricity and other mechanical duties incident to the many kinds of military service both at the front and behind the lines will be accepted. Special inducements may be made by local board. Only men who are grammar school graduates and possess some mechanical training will be accepted. The men will be trained at government expense and as soon as the course is completed will be subject to call for overseas service.

Qualified registrants are urged in a bulletin to Charles S. Huffman, adjutant general, to send them to the volunteer service. Thus men not in the current call may enter the training at the State Agricultural college. All men called for this service will report at Manhattan May 16.

TO GIVE ADDRESSES

American Casualty Lists Will Soon Be Issued as Formerly.

Washington, May 2.—The war department will resume almost immediately the practice of giving addresses of American soldiers named in the casualty lists sent from France.

The decision was made by President Wilson, to whom the public appealed when the addresses were ordered discontinued. The president took up the subject with Secretary Baker immediately after the secretary returned from France.

LET'S PRAY THE CHAIN DOESN'T BREAK



IN A CLOSE FINISH

Santa Fe and Rock Island Complete Confidence Expressed in Baron Goto.

Former in 3 Million Class; Employer's Employees 99.47 Percent.

Chicago, May 2.—The "April drive" by western railroads for the third liberty loan ended in total subscriptions of \$43,029,150 by 442,423 officers and employees. The average subscription per capita is \$75.21.

The Santa Fe system has the distinction of being alone in the "three million class"—43,333 (67.74 per cent) of its employees having bought bonds to the amount of \$3,120,600. The Rock Island continues to lead in the fact that a higher percentage of their employees subscribed than on any other road. Employees totaling 99.47 per cent of the entire payroll purchased \$2,832,300 worth of bonds.

Eight roads are in the "two-million class" and three roads have subscriptions over \$1,000,000 and less than \$2,000,000.

Thirty-one railroads and associations are in the "honor roll"—100 per cent of their officers and employees having purchased liberty bonds of the current issue.

On 123 roads over 70 per cent of the employees are bond buyers. The relative standing of the roads subscribing over \$2,000,000 is as follows:

Road	No. of Sub.	Per Cent.	Total Sub.
A. T. & S. P.	43,333	67.74	\$3,120,600
Chl. & Northwestern	39,456	73.05	2,855,900
C. M. & St. Paul	30,418	83.55	2,758,650
Norfolk Pacific	27,225	85.40	2,480,200
Southern Pacific	22,823	70.85	2,480,200
Great Northern	28,812	84.75	2,228,700
Missouri Pacific	30,065	81.02	2,180,500

WILL LET IRISH COME

No Reason to Refuse Passports, But Doubt America's Reception.

London, May 2.—There is no reason to suppose that the Lord Mayor of Dublin will be refused a passport to America by the secretary for Ireland to whom he has decided to apply.

The correspondence, however, in alluding to the purpose of the proposed deputation to lay the case of the Irish organization opposing conscription before President Wilson, adds: "People here are inclined to doubt whether President Wilson will receive the deputation and if he declines there will be some risk of a conflict of American and Irish opinion. The deputation hopes, anyway, to be allowed to lay its case before the American people in a great speaking tour."

HUNS RULE IN UKRAINE

Kiev, the Capital, Is Under Boche Heel—Officials Are Arrested.

London, May 2.—The Germans have established military rule in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, and have arrested a number of the members of the government on the ground that "the government had proved too weak to maintain law and order," according to a Berlin official statement.

WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Australian Labor Leader Says Country Is Not a "Gutter."

Melbourne, May 2.—"Australia fights to a finish," declared Senator Gardiner, labor leader, in a speech today.

"This is no time for peace. The man asking peace is a madman and a traitor."

HERALDED PEACE DRIVE OF PEOPLES IS NOW LAUNCHED

Series of Recent Rumors and Confidences the Start.

Aimed at Undermining the Allied Morale.

WILSON IS UNCONCERNED

Nothing Yet To Indicate Basis of True Peace.

Teutonic Leaders Grow Uneasy Over Internal Situation.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

Washington, May 2.—Germany's expected "peace offensive" against allied morale seems to have begun.

In the view of authorities here today the sudden and widespread launching of rumors, printed reports and whispered confidences reaching Washington and involving likelihood of peace proffers from the Kaiser, Emperor Charles of Austria, King Alfonso of Spain and even the Kaiser, is merely Germany's old game to slacken the fighting spirit of her enemies.

And it may be stated that President Wilson is not concerned in this latest war development. There is nothing to indicate the frank and open negotiations he demands before peace steps may be taken.

It is significant that most of the reports have their origin in Teutonic newspapers or Teutonic quarters in neutral countries. There is nothing to indicate officially that the pope has changed from his recently known opposition to further peace attempts now. The source and persistence of rumors of a new papal peace effort led to general belief here that Teutonic hope was fostered by the thought.

POPE TO MAKE APPEAL?

However, it is recalled that the pope's last proposal was heralded in neutral countries before it was officially launched. And it was about ten days ago that the Munich Neueste Nachrichten announced the pope would again appear this time to the "universal conscience"—to end the war.

This report has been followed by stories emanating from Germany and Swiss sources that the Kaiser was "deeply moved" by the scenes of suffering and horror on the battle front, and was accordingly expressing his "profound grief" for the "universal tragedy" to end the war.

The Kaiser's hope of immediate wheat supplies from the Ukraine and considerable iron and manganese from elsewhere in Russia has proven a will-o'-the-wisp. Besides, the official diplomatic messages here today.

On top of news of the Monday Teutonic defeat in the Ypres sector, word went to Germany that the Ukraine had been followed by a change in wheat price. Japan, it is alleged, stood with the allies until they won victory, and she will keep her word.

JAYNES TO WORK

Kaws Play the Second Game of Season Today.

Nee Gave His Men Regular Workout This Morning.

Today's Line Up.

Topeka: Wolf, ss; Nee, 1b; Lamb, 2b; Miller, cf; Bradley, 3b; Trainer, lf; Cleveland, 2b; Hanger, cf; Wagner, 3b; Block, c; Jaynes, p.

Manager Nee, of the victorious Kaws, spent no time today resting on the laurels won in his team's first drive, but had his men out at the park early this morning for their regular work out.

He announced that Jaynes, recently procured from the Southern association would be on the mound in this afternoon's game.

Manager Hulsbush, of the Miners, had Hubbe, a youngster who was given a try out with the Giants, booked to take the firing line, and said he was expecting him to make the standard.

Spencer Arthur Abbott, president of the local club, announced today that the meeting appointed delegates to all passes will be ten cents instead of six. This change has been made to conform with the war tax charge because made in all other cities of the circuit and to avoid the change making congestion caused by the penny and nickel system tried Wednesday.

Abbott also announced that the impression many fans have about the 30 cent charge for bleacher tickets is erroneous. There is no hold up about it. The war tax is three cents on all grandstand tickets and the price of admission has been raised by all clubs to 27 cents for bleacher seats and 34 cents for others to cover the added hotel and railroad costs.

BASEBALL TODAY.

Topeka won easily yesterday. Today the Kaws play the Joplin Miners again. Postscript edition State Journal, 3 cents, on streets at about 5 o'clock will tell the story, play by play.

2,500,000 HUNS STILL HEAD FOR ANOTHER EFFORT

Two Million and a Half Used—As Many More Ready.

But While Their Reserves Decrease Ours Increase.

UNITY OF ALLIES IMPORTANT

Germany Has Lost at Least 350,000 Men in Drive.

Yet She Has 650,000 Reserves Still To Call Up.

BY HENRY WOOD.

With the French Armies in the field, May 1.—Altho Germany has engaged two and a half million men in the present offensive to date, conservative calculations show she is still capable of duplicating this offensive effort.

The allies, however, with their new unity of command and superiority in fresh reserves, coupled with the inability of the Germans again to effect a surprise, hold the trump card.

The fatal consumption of German effectiveness is indicated by the fact that while the enemy began March 21 with half a million men in the front line, they have been obliged since to engage five times that number. The allies have identified on the west front 206 divisions (2,472,900 men) out of the German's entire total of 242, including those on other fronts. To date, the Germans have engaged 140 separate divisions in the present battle—many two or three times—making a total value of 386 divisions engaged. This leaves sixty-six unengaged, of which ten are landsturm and landwehr, incapable of offensive work.

Hindenburg Using Up Reserves.

This prodigious use of effectiveness, together with General Foch's conservative use of allied reserves, gives the latter more unengaged, fresh divisions than the Germans.

The conservative estimates of the German losses are 350,000 men. It is known, however, that there are still 650,000 men in depots with which to replace those lost, without even calling on the class of 1920, which ordinarily will not be mobilized until October.

Consequently, Germany can still duplicate her offensive effort to date. But once her losses exceed the above mentioned reserve, the tide will turn. The daily arrival of British, American and Italian divisions is assuring the allies of an uncontested superiority and final victory.

STOP IRISH BILL

Both Conscription and Home Rule Are Put Off.

Difficulties of Irish Situation Cause Indefinite Wait.

London, May 2.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government spokesman, declared in the house of commons Wednesday that he could not say when an Irish home rule bill will be introduced.

According to some lobby correspondents of the morning newspapers, covering the fact that introduction of the bill has been deferred and hope of its passage next week has now been abandoned.

The Daily News says the government has met with serious difficulties in its Irish policy and cannot find a successor to Baron Wimborne, who has resigned the lord lieutenantship.

The only way out of the difficulties is in the opinion of responsible labor members of the house of commons that the government temporarily abandon both conscription and home rule. It is now impossible, adds the Daily News, that the source will be adopted in the near future.

A sidelight is thrown on the difficult issues involved by the meeting Wednesday of the house of commons of the Navy League to discuss what to do regarding Irish coastal defense in event of the passing of a home rule bill.

The meeting appointed delegates to urge upon the committee drafting the bill that the imperial authorities retain full control of Irish harbors and ports, probably also railroads.

It is reported in political circles that the more extreme elements of the Unionist party have stiffened lately against any form of home rule, and a letter "just written by Sir Edward Carson to the secretary of the Southern Unionist committee in Ireland suggests that the rumors are well founded. Sir Edward says in part: "In the last few days of insanity for any government to repudiate the question of home rule. This, indeed, is statesmanship, and it is a matter of honor for the government to stand by its word."

Some of the class already worked in by hand. It was only about 14 by 26 inches in size—but say you ought to have seen them bid for it. For while it looked as though there was going to be a regular fight for that bit of color but the \$500 bid carried the day.

Crews said that the Red Cross ladies fed more than 1,100 people at noon, which was only a small part of the crowd that attended the sale.

KAISER CALLS BOYS

1,200 in I. W. W. May Day Meeting Taken in By Police.

Detroit, Mich., May 2.—Forty-four alleged slackers were in jail here today following a riot on an I. W. W. May day meeting, yesterday in which the entire audience of 1,200 was arrested and transported piecemeal to the city hall.

Police and state troops made the haul when it became evident the big mass meeting was turning into an I. W. W. demonstration. There was no resistance. The raiders confiscated much literature.

BAKER OUTLINES PLANS FOR VAST ARMY THIS YEAR

He Lays Plans Before House Military Committee.

Another Big Draft Call To Come This Week.

MAY CALL 300,000 IN MAY

Shipping Board Promises New Million Tons.

General Crowder Also Confers on Draft Measures.

Washington, May 2.—Accompanied by Provost Marshal General Crowder and General March, acting chief of staff, Secretary Baker appeared before the house military committee today and presented the administration's plans for a greatly increased army.

The army appropriation bill has been held by the committee for months awaiting the return of Secretary Baker from France that appropriations might be made to accord with whatever recommendations he wished to make. The existing recommendations contemplate an army of 1,700,000 men and whether this should be raised to 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 rests with the administration.

After the meeting Secretary Baker said he had not discussed the number of men to go into the army because mention of any specific number set a limit, while "the only point of limit is our ability to equip and transport men."

GAVE OUT STATEMENT.

Secretary Baker at the conclusion of the hearing dictated this statement:

"The war department program was presented to the house military committee this morning. It involved the expediting of the training of the men and the increasing of the army as rapidly as ability to equip and transport them can be foreseen. The secretary of war declined to discuss the numbers mentioned in any specific number set a limit, while "the only point of limit is our ability to equip and transport men."

"The details of the estimates proposed for the regular appropriation for 1918-1